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For: METHOD OF SEARCHING SIMILAR DOCUMENT, SYSTEM FOR
PERFORMING THE SAME AND PROGRAM FOR PROCESSING
THE SAME

Group: 2176

Attn: Missing Parts

RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE CORRECTED APPLICATION PAPERS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

On March 26, 2002 a Notice was issued indicating that the present application was accorded an application number and filing date of February 25, 2002, but alleging that the application is informal being that it did not comply with the regulations. Particularly, the March 26, 2002 Notice alleges that Substitute Drawings in compliance with 37 CFR §1.84 are required being that:

“drawing figures contained text that is not in English (including, for example, a flowchart that was originally not in English that has been marked-up to include the English text) see 37 CFR §1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR §1.52(d)(1)”.

Applicants submit that the above noted requirement as set forth in the March 26, 2002 Notice is improper and respectfully request that the March 26, 2002 Notice be reconsidered and withdrawn.

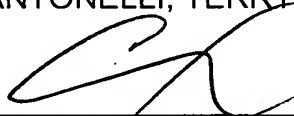
The present invention is directed to a document searching system which has the ability to search documents in any language including English, Japanese, etc so as to obtain similar documents. In order to illustrate and describe these features and concepts of the present invention, the present application make use of figures having non-English text. Thus, changing the non-English text in the drawings to English text as required by the March 26, 2002 Notice would cause the application to not effectively describe and illustrate the features and concepts of the invention.

Therefore, the requirement as set forth in the March 26, 2002 Notice is improper. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the March 26, 2002 Notice is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of Antonelli, Terry, Stout & Kraus, LLP, Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (500.41226X00).

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Filing Date Granted

This application has been accorded an Application Number and Filing Date. The application, however, is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to correct the informalities indicated below. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a)

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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